

What is claimed is:

1. A method of forwarding a communication,
comprising:

receiving for each of a plurality of users an
5 indication having one selected from a first state and a
second state;

receiving the communication having a source
identifier;

retrieving at least one of said indications;

10 responsive to the at least one indication retrieved
having the first state, forwarding the communication with
the source identifier received with the communication; and

responsive to the indication retrieved having the
second state, forwarding the communication with an
15 alternate source identifier different from the source
identifier received with the communication.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one
indication is retrieved responsive to at least one selected
from the source identifier and an alternate identifier sent
with the communication.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the source
identifier comprises an IP address.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein the alternate
identifier comprises a MAC address.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the communication comprises a packet.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate source identifier comprises an identifier of a device forwarding the communication.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the communication is received at a device that provides access to a network for the communication.

8. A system for forwarding a communication, comprising:

a privileges requestor having a privileges input operatively coupled for receiving for each of a plurality of users, an indication having one selected from a first state and a second state, the privileges requestor for providing at an output at least one of the indications;

an access point manager having an input operatively coupled for receiving the communication having at least one selected from a source identifier and an alternate identifier, the access point manager for building and providing at an output a second communication responsive to the first communication; and

a network address translation manager having a communication input coupled to the access point manager for receiving at least a portion of the second communication,

and a privileges input coupled to the privileges requestor output for receiving the at least one indications, the network address translation manager for providing at an

20 output a third communication comprising:

at least a portion of the source identifier, responsive to at least one of the at least one indications received at the privileges requestor input having the first state; and

25 a third source identifier responsive to at least one of the at least one indications received at the privileges requestor input having the second state.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein:

the privileges requestor additionally has an identifier input, the at least one of the indications provided at the privileges requestor output responsive to
5 the privileges requestor identifier input; and

the network address translation manager additionally comprising an identifier output coupled to the privileges requestor input, the network address translation manager additionally for providing at the identifier output at
10 least one selected from the source identifier and the alternate identifier.

10. The system of claim 8, wherein the source identifier comprises an IP address.

11. The system of claim 8 wherein the alternate identifier comprises a MAC address.

12. The system of claim 8 wherein the communication comprises a packet.

13. The system of claim 8 wherein the alternate source identifier comprises an identifier of a device forwarding the communication.

14. The system of claim 1, wherein the communication is received at a device that provides access to a network for the communication.

15. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for forwarding a communication, comprising computer readable program code devices configured to cause
5 a computer to:

receive for each of a plurality of users an indication having one selected from a first state and a second state;

receive the communication having a source identifier;

retrieve at least one of said indications;

10 responsive to the at least one indication retrieved having the first state, forward the communication with the source identifier received with the communication; and

responsive to the indication retrieved having the second state, forward the communication with an alternate

15 source identifier different from the source identifier
received with the communication.

16. The computer program product of claim 1 wherein
the at least one indication is retrieved responsive to at
least one selected from the source identifier and an
alternate identifier sent with the communication.

17. The computer program product of claim 1, wherein
the source identifier comprises an IP address.

18. The computer program product of claim 2 wherein
the alternate identifier comprises a MAC address.

19. The computer program product of claim 1 wherein
the communication comprises a packet.

20. The computer program product of claim 1 wherein
the alternate source identifier comprises an identifier of
a device forwarding the communication.

21. The computer program product of claim 1, wherein
the communication is received at a device that provides
access to a network for the communication.

22. An apparatus for forwarding a communication,
comprising:

means for receiving for each of a plurality of users
an indication having one selected from a first state and a

5 second state;

means for receiving the communication having a source identifier;

means for retrieving at least one of said indications; and

10 means for:

responsive to the at least one indication retrieved having the first state, forwarding the communication with the source identifier received with the communication; and

15 responsive to the indication retrieved having the second state, forwarding the communication with an alternate source identifier different from the source identifier received with the communication.